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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Appeal Brief filed on 5/13/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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ANDY RAO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

Independent claim 1 recites "...an apparatus in a receiver that is configured for receiving and decoding an incoming scalable video bit stream that has been encoded by a transmitter for transmission externally from the transmitter and further configured for generating a baseband video signal, said apparatus being configured for controlling a processing load of said scalable video decoder, said apparatus comprising: an analyzer circuit configured for measuring, from the received bit stream, at least one characteristic of said received bit stream and generating at least one video parameter associated with said at least one characteristic; and a processor load controller configured for receiving said at least one video parameter and, in response, controlling a level of decoding of said received bit stream performed by said scalable video decoder..."

which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Independent claim 9 recites "... a video receiver comprising: a buffer configured for receiving an incoming scalable video bit stream that has been transmitted externally from a video transmitter and for storing the received bit stream' in communicative connection with the buffer, a scalable video decoder configured for decoding the bit stream that has been stored and generating a baseband video signal, said scalable video decoder comprising: an apparatus configured for controlling a processing load of said scalable video decoder comprising: an analyzer circuit configured for measuring at least one characteristic of said bit stream that has been stored and generating at least one video parameter associated with said at least one characteristic; and a processor load controller configured for receiving said at least one video parameter and, in response, controlling a level of decoding performed by said scalable video decoder on said bit stream that has been

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stored; and coupled to said scalable video decoder, a display configured for displaying said baseband video signal...” which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Independent claim 17 recites “a method for controlling a processing load of a scalable video decoder incorporated within a receiver that receives an incoming scalable video bit stream from a transmitter configured for encoding to form said incoming scalable video bit stream and further configured for transmitting said incoming scalable video bit stream, said scalable video decoder being configured for decoding said incoming scalable video bit stream and generating a baseband video signal, said method comprising the steps of: measuring, from the received bit stream, at least one characteristic of said received bit stream', generating at least one video parameter associated with the at least one characteristic; in response to a value of the at least one video parameter, controlling a level of decoding of the received bit stream performed by the scalable video decoder...” which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. Dependent claims 2-8, 10-16, and 18-21 allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad S. Dastouri can be reached on (571)-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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